Functioning of transmission centre Jorhat

1337. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the tramission centre, Jorhat has not been working well since its inception;

(b) whether it is a fact that the machineries installed in this centre are defective, old and worn-out; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to set things right in this centre?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) to (c) The Low Power TV transmitter at Jorhat has been functioning satisfactorily since it was commissioned into service in November, 1987. The transmitter equipment is also not old or worn-out. Nevertheless, there have been frequent interruptions in its transmission on account of failure of mains power supply provided by the state Government. The question of uninterrupted power supply to the transmitter has also been taken up with the State Govt. The Centre has now been provided a stand by diesel generator to minimise the interruption in service.

Special grant to Assam for agriculture

1338. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any provision for a special agriculture grant to the Government of Assam in view of the massive loss and damage to agriculture crops in Assam during the three successive floods of the current season; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Supply of foodstuffs to Assam

1339. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made provision for the provision for the supply of foodstuffs on an emergency basis for the flood affected districts of Assam; and

(b) if so, what is the quantum of foodstuff supplied so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Guwahati Doordarshan Kendra

1340. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have taken a decision for increasing time by one hour for local programmes of Guwahati Doordarshan Kendra in response to request from the Government of Assam; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Community Television Sets in Maharashtra

1341. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of districts in Maharashtra have been equipped with Community